

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Thursday, January 24, 2013 – 12:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Absent:

Sen. Stuart C. Reid

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Esther Chelsea-McCarty, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Christopherson, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Interview of Mr. Jeffrey C. Wilcox

Mr. Jeffrey C. Wilcox introduced his family and friends in attendance. He was placed under oath by Mr. Christensen. Mr. Wilcox thanked the committee for the honor of appearing before them and provided a personal and professional background statement to the committee. He spoke about his family and professional experience and said that his practice has been varied. He responded to questions from the committee concerning the death penalty, child custody, and legislating from the bench.

MOTION: Sen. Urquhart moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Wilcox be confirmed as a judge for the Fifth District Court. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.